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MR. TAFT AND THE TARIFF.

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A BOYS' VIEWS OF MARRIED LIFE.

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Of the many arguments tending to prove that we can hope for no great improvement in rural schools until the States set up minimum qualifications for school superintendents, we believe that the report, then issued by the superintendent of schools of Dr. Grover, Me., is the most effective. We give the entire report, exactly as published in the annual report of the selection. "During the Past year good interest has been shown by nearly all of the teachers they have shown good interest and have done good work there needs a little more to some of the out buildings and School house in District 3 needs a lot and with the 'Greater part of the School Houses are in good repair we will have to have some new books this coming year. "We need a set of New Maps in all of the Schools. "I would recommend the Appropriation for the coming year: "Schools \$700 "Text Books and Maps 125 "Repairing School houses 40 "E. B. LITTLE, "Supt. of Schools. 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